

was a fearless champion for LGBTQ+ causes and fought tirelessly to bring us one step closer to eradicating HIV. Today, Arizona is a better and brighter place for his presence among us.

A New Jersey native, Richard had a profound love for Arizona. Put best by Richard himself, "I will retire here someday." After moving to the Grand Canyon state, Richard immediately rooted himself firmly giving all his time, heart, and soul to the betterment of our community. Casa Ben Dita—his beloved McCormick Ranch home—became a gathering place for some of the premiere LGBTQ+ organizations in Phoenix—particularly Lambda Legal, the oldest national legal organization dedicated to working for the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community. Year after year, Richard inspired so many and had a unique sense of bringing people together for the common good.

When Aunt Rita's Foundation brought the AIDS Walk back to Phoenix, Richard was one of the first to jump in and support its success. He also was relentlessly active in Aunt Rita's Red Brunch to celebrate World AIDS Day and joined the Foundation's Red Purse Club, generously donating his time, talents, and treasure year after year.

His commitment to LGBTQ+ rights and the eradication of HIV extended beyond excellence in service and volunteerism. Together, with community partners, Richard helped form permanent financial legacies for the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS. His generosity transformed the Southwest Center from a small organization to a thriving pillar of our community. Richard showed that by giving, anyone and everyone can change the world.

Today, the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS is known as Arizona's premiere leader for financially accessible, culturally competent, LGBTQ+ friendly healthcare. For his lifetime achievement, he received the Southwest Center Philanthropist Lifetime Legacy Award and was named a Partner for Life. In his honor, the Center named its clinical trials division the "Richard P. Stahl Research Wing".

As we reflect how long we have come in the work to eradicate HIV, there is no doubt our progress was shaped by Richard Stahl. Arizona owes him a debt of gratitude, and he will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all those he uplifted with his positivity and unwavering support.

Madam Speaker, in this spirit of remembrance, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Richard Stahl. I thank Richard, and Godspeed.

#### RECOGNIZING FEMALE LEADERS WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

#### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and highlight the work of some extraordinary female leaders in our country who are being honored by She Leads America as "Christian Women of Distinction."

For my constituents back in Michigan, I try and lead by example through my faith and commitment to public service. But many times,

people don't look to Washington for their role models. Fortunately, it does not take long to find others guided by their strong moral compass, faith, and commitment to selfless public service. Today, I honor some of these women, who through their tireless dedication, have shattered glass ceilings and touched the lives of countless individuals around the world. For my part, I remain committed to defending religious freedom here in Congress to ensure each of these women, and all of my constituents, never have to compromise their religious beliefs in order to conform to whatever the trending culture is at the moment.

Kathy Branzell serves as the President of the National Day of Prayer Task Force. Dating back to 1775, the National Day of Prayer encourages Americans to pray for the people and today includes millions who attend 30,000 observances organized by 40,000 volunteers all over the United States. Kathy is also the founder and president of Fellowship and Christian Encouragement (FACE) for Educators, and the author/coauthor of five books on prayer.

Marilyn Hickey is a TV ministry pioneer for women, with her TV and media ministry broadcast around the world. Marilyn is a peacemaker, teacher, and someone who has personally shared her message of God's love and forgiveness in 138 countries, and her lectures on healing and the Bible have broken records for the largest public meetings ever held in Egypt and Pakistan. In addition, her organization has actively been involved in meeting humanitarian needs around the world. Marilyn Hickey Ministry partners have helped millions of individuals overcome setbacks and practice Biblical principles.

Commissioner Jolene K. Hodder is the highest-ranking female officer in the Salvation Army in the USA. She has a passion for leading women to Christ and then equipping, motivating, and preparing them for effective ministry. Jolene is the author of two published books and has worked across America and overseas, serving all people without discrimination, wherever, whenever, and however she can.

Dr. Alveda C. King, is a civil rights activist, speaking out on issues that face society today. She founded "Speak for Life", a ministry mobilizing generations of pro-life advocates that will boldly speak for life. She is the daughter of the late civil rights activist Rev. A. D. King and his wife, Naomi Barber King. Currently, Dr. King is a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving as Pastoral Associate for Civil Rights for The Unborn and Priests for Life. During the years of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King's family home was bombed in Birmingham, Alabama, in the heat of the struggle. "Daddy's house was bombed, then in Louisville, Kentucky his church office was bombed. I was also jailed during the open housing movement," she recalls.

Dr. Jane Hansen-Hoyt serves as the President/CEO of Aglow International, a Christian women's organization of more than 200,000 women. The organization includes global leaders who annually impact 17 million people. As an international speaker and author, she challenges us to view each circumstance of life from a Heavenly perspective. She also serves on The Steering Committee of The American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI).

Penny Young Nance is CEO and President of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the

nation's largest public policy women's organization. Prior to CWA, Penny served as a Special Advisor for the Federal Communications Commission, where she advised the Chairman and Commissioners on media and social issues. She is a graduate of Liberty University, where she currently serves on their Board of Trustees.

Bodie Thoene, is a world-renowned author of 75 historical novels as well as an award-winning screen writer and movie producer. Her books have sold 35 million copies in 30 languages. She has won 8 ECPA Gold Medallion awards for Fiction, more than any other author in history. Bodie is, above all, a follower of Jesus Christ. She is an American Patriot and fervent supporter of the Nation of Israel, a wife, mother and grandmother. Her movie, I'm Not Ashamed, the true story of Rachel Joy Scott, first martyr of Columbine, was a finalist for GMA Dove Awards Most Inspirational film of 2017.

Reverend Eve Nunez is a nationally recognized faith-based leader most known for her work as a child advocate and Hispanic community organizer. Her decades-long commitment to these communities has earned her a National Service Award from President George W. Bush, the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from President Barack Obama, the Street Saint Award from Governor Janet Napolitano, and many more.

Peggy Nienaber serves as the Vice President for Faith & Liberty overseeing the ministry programs that build strong alliances on Capitol Hill. Peggy also serves as President of the Capitol Forum Club, a meeting held inside the U.S. Capitol. Peggy was also a NGO Liaison for the United Nations and participated in the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Shirley Dobson, is the honorary "Mom of America." Through her partnership with her husband, Dr. James Dobson, in "Focus on the Family" and "Family Talk" broadcasts, millions of families have received the support and encouragement they need to navigate their daily lives. Under her leadership and strong faith, the U.S. National Day of Prayer enjoyed massive growth. Millions of Americans now take their responsibility seriously to pray for government leaders.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women know full well the impact they have had on countless lives. These women are trailblazers, and the example they have set will be followed by people of my district, and many other Americans, for years to come. I thank each of them for their passion and commitment. This honor is well-deserved.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PROVIDENCE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Providence United Presbyterian Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania on its 175th anniversary. According to the original charter, it was the first Presbyterian church to be founded in the Lackawanna and Upper Valley. The occasion will be marked with a festive celebration and service on Sunday, October 3, 2021.